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WONDER GARDENS

JAMES HOWARD

R. F. D. 2, WESTERLY, R. I.



GREETINGS

Again we wish to say "thank you" to our many customers, both old and new, for your orders in 1952. It is always a pleasure to receive and fill your orders. Our bulb business has grown so fast that we again had to refuse orders in spite of our greatly increased stocks.

We are pleased to bring you our 1953 Catalog and hope that within its pages you may find the varieties you need. In spite of rising costs we have tried to "hold the line" and offer you the same top values as in 1952. We have added many new varieties and dropped some others. We try to bring you only the best ones as we see them in our field.

As usual our bulbs have been grown with the very best care in light sandy soil with plenty of water (irrigation). Allowed to mature fully before harvesting. After digging they are washed immediately, dried quickly and dusted with D.D.T. before storage. We feel sure you will be well pleased with both the appearance and performance of the bulbs you will receive from us this year. Our aim is to give you the best at the lowest prices possible.

— GUARANTEE —

We guarantee all bulbs to be full size and free from disease and insects. We will replace stock or refund purchase price of any bulbs that do not meet the above guarantee. We do not guarantee the bulbs you harvest, as your ground may be infested with disease or insects.

— TERMS —

Due to the cost of handling and packing we cannot fill orders of less than \$2.50 from the Retail List or for less than \$4.00 from the Wholesale List. All orders must be accompanied by cash in full or 25% deposit will hold orders of \$5.00 or more for April delivery. Balance must be forwarded before delivery. All cash retail orders will be sent prepaid by Parcel Post or Express. All wholesale orders F. O. B., Westerly, R. I. Please send money by Check or Money Order, not by cash or stamps. Five or more bulbs may be purchased at the ten rate. If you live in Rhode Island please add 2% Sales Tax to total amount of order.

— EXTRAS —

On all Cash orders of from \$3 to \$15 you may select 10% in extra bulbs. On all orders of \$15 or more 15% in extras may be selected. This does not apply to the Wholesale List. We can fill orders until May 15th.

— PLANTING DIRECTIONS —

We will include full planting and growing directions in all retail orders.

— BULB SIZES —

We list our bulbs Large, Medium and Small.
Large size includes #1 and #2 size and measures $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and larger in diameter.
Medium size includes #3 and #4 size and measures $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter.
Small size includes #5 and #6 size and measures $\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter.

— CLASSIFICATION —

In listing our Retail Varieties the number following the name of variety refers to the size and color as listed in the table below. As an example: ABU HASSAN (378). The 378 means that it is Medium size (3) and is dark blue in color (78).

SIZE CLASSES:

Medium (300 series), florets $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Large (400 series), florets $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Giant (500 series), florets $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches and larger.

COLOR CLASSES:

00—White
06—Cream
10—Light Yellow
12—Deep Yellow
16—Buff
20—Light Orange
22—Deep Orange
24—Red-Orange
30—Light Salmon
32—Deep Salmon
36—Scarlet
40—Light Pink
42—Deep Pink
50—Light Red

52—Deep Red
54—Black Red
60—Light Rose
62—Deep Rose
66—Lavender
70—Purple
76—Light Blue-Violet
78—Dark Blue-Violet
80—Smoky shades (often subdivided
as 82 orange-smoky, 83 salmon-smoky, 84 pink-smoky, 85 red-smoky, and 86 lavender-smoky)
90—Any Other Color.

1953 INTRODUCTION

RAYNOLA—432 (Howard '53) 80 DAYS

Parents — BOBBY DAZZLER x JUNE BRIDE

Have watched this glad since the summer of 1946 and among all the varieties I have grown have never seen one anywhere near this color. It is a rose salmon with darker brush marks in the throat but the rose has such depth and penetration that the backs of the petals are as rich and bright as the face. It is a glowing color, hard to describe. Should be seen to be appreciated. The petals are round, wide open, lightly ruffled and recurved, making a very beautiful effect. The following is from our field notes. It opens 6 to 7, $5\frac{1}{4}$ " florets on heavy straight stem. Has 17 to 19 buds on 25" flowerhead. Grows 54" in field. Placement perfect. Texture heavy—florets well attached. Does not fade. Very healthy and consistent grower. Bulb production good. Germination excellent.

Scored $84\frac{1}{2}$ points Rhode Island Trial Garden 1952. Classed in 500 Class by Trial Garden.

Price—\$2.00 per bulb, any size. Bulblets—10 for \$2.00 with a bulb.

QUEEN'S LACE—401 (Howard '52) 85 DAYS

Corona x Burma

Beautiful formal very heavily ruffled—almost corrugated—creamy white with two rose (Burma color) darts in throat. One on each lower petal. Opens 5 to 6, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets on heavy straight stem. Has 16 to 18 buds on a 22" to 24" flowerhead. Height in field $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Florets open wide and have excellent attachment. Have never seen a misplaced floret to date. Extremely heavy propagator. Bulb production excellent.

Price per bulb—Large \$1.50, Medium \$1.00, Small 60c.

Bulblets 20c each or 10 for \$1.50.

BRIDAL BEAUTY—400 (Howard '50)

We are sorry but have to hold all stock of this one for propagation. The demand has been extremely heavy and have oversold every year. Expect to have it back on the market next year.

PRICE LIST - Retail

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
ABNAKI (421)	3...25		
Early Orange	10...70	10...50	10...25
ABU HASSAN (378)		10...50	10...25
Dark Blue Violet			
ADORATION (440)	3...25		
Pink and Cream	10...70	10...50	10...25
A. L. STEPHEN (433)		5...25	10...25
Light Rose—Red Blotch			
ANNAMAE (400)			
Early Pure White		10...40	10...20
ASTRID (560)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Good Early Rose			
AUREOLE (410)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Nice Ruffled Yellow			
AURORA (560)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Large Ruffled Light Rose			
BAGDAD (480)		10...40	10...20
Old Rose Smoky			
BALLAD (460)		5...25	10...25
Pink and Cream			
BEAUTY'S BLUSH (440)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Light Blush Pink			
BELTRAMI (480)		5...25	10...25
Mulberry Rose Smoky			
BETTER TIMES (376)		5...25	10...25
Light Blue-White Blotch			
BLEND A (460)			1...50
Nice Rose			
BLUE BEAUTY (476)	3...25	10...50	10...25
Medium Blue—Good			
BLUE LAGOON (478)		1...15	2...15
Tall Dark Blue			
BONFIRE (436)			5...25
Glowing Scarlet			
BOULOGNE (562)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Large Dark Wine Red			
BRIDE'S DELIGHT (541)		5...25	10...25
Peaches and Cream			
BURLINGTON (560)			10...25
Rose Scarlet—White Throat			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
BURMA (562)		10 ...50	10 ...25
Ruffled Deep Rose			
CAPEHEART (440)	4 ...25		
Rose Pink	10 ...60	10 ...40	10 ...20
CHERRY JAM (443)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Pink with Cherry Blotch			
CHIEF MULTOMAH (480)			10 ...25
Dark Reddish Smoky			
CITATION (542)	1 ...40	1 ...20	2 ...20
Tall Large Pink			
COLUMBIA (407)			1 ...1.00
Fine Cream—Rose Edge			
CONNECTICUT YANKEE (441)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Nice Pink with Blotch			
CORONA (507)	3 ...25	10 ...50	10 ...25
Cream White—Pink Edge			
COTILLION (543)		3 ...25	5 ...25
Deep Pink—Creamy Throat			
COVER GIRL (542)	4 ...25		
Tall Pink—Many Open	10 ...60	10 ...40	10 ...20
CRINKLE CREAM (410)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Ruffled Light Yellow			
CYNTHIA (410)		1 ...50	1 ...25
Early Light Yellow			
DAISY MAE (523)		10 ...50	10 ...25
Nice Orange Pink			
DEBORAH SAMPSON (440)			5 ...25
Pink and Buff			
DIEPPE (436)	3 ...25	5 ...25	10 ...25
Ruffled Salmon Red			
DOLLY VARDEN (532)			1 ...25
Large Salmon—Cream Throat			
DUSTY MILLER (486)			10 ...25
Old Rose Smoky—Scarlet Feather			
ELIZABETH the QUEEN (566)	3 ...25		
Ruffled Lavender	10 ...70	10 ...50	10 ...25
ENCHANTMENT (432)			6 ...25
Salmon Pink—Ivory Throat			
ERREY'S SCARLET (436)		10 ...50	10 ...25
Nice Scarlet Red			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
ETHEL CAVE-COLE (440)	4...25		
Large Early Pink	10...60	10...40	10...20
EVANGELINE (540)		1...15	2...15
Light Rose-Pink			
FAIR ANGEL (500)	3...25		
Ruffled White—Good	10...70	10...50	10...25
FAY (560)		10...50	10...25
Early Rose Salmon			
FIRE BALL (450)			1...40
Beautiful Light Red			
FIREBRAND (452)			10...25
Nice Scarlet Red			
FLYING FORTRESS (580)			5...25
Gray Smoky—Red Blotch			
FRIENDSHIP (440)		5...25	10...25
Beautiful Ruffled Pure Pink			
GENERAL EISENHOWER (542)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Giant Begonia Rose			
GENGHIS KHAN (432)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Fine Ruffled Pink			
GIANT CYCLAMEN (560)			3...25
Large Light Rose			
GLAMIS (430)		10...50	10...25
Ruffled Light Rose			
GOLD DUST (412)		10...40	10...20
Early Deep Yellow			
GOLDEN ARROW (510)	4...25		
Clear Light Yellow	10...60	10...40	10...20
GOLDEN STATE (412)		5...25	10...25
Very Good Yellow			
GOLDEN TETON (412)	3...25		
Yellow-Pink Flecking	10...70	10...50	10...25
GRAND FINALE (431)			5...25
Medium Salmon			
GRATITUDE (422)		5...25	10...25
Ruffled Orange			
GRAY DAWN (Both) (480)		5...25	10...25
Nice Gray Smoky			
GUERDON (462)	3...25		
Nice Rose Red	10...70	10...50	10...25

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
HARMAU (532)	3 ...25		
Large Orange Red	10 ...70	10 ...50	10 ...25
HEART'S DESIRE (540)		2 ...25	4 ...25
Nice Ruffled Pink			
HIGH COMMAND (540)			10 ...25
Large Light Pink			
HIGH FINANCE (482)			10 ...25
Light Orange Smoky			
HIGH LIFE (376)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Good Light Blue			
HUNTRESS (466)	3 ...25		
Early Lavender—Good	10 ...70	10 ...50	10 ...25
HURRICANE (425)	3 ...25	5 ...25	10 ...25
Bittersweet Orange			
IEKA (480)		10 ...50	10 ...25
Gray Smoky-Red Throat			
JEANIE (430)	3 ...25		
Tall Medium Salmon	10 ...70	10 ...50	10 ...25
JINI MARIE (432)			2 ...25
Heavily Ruffled Salmon Pink			
JULES AMOTT (452)	4 ...25		
Velvety Red	10 ...60	10 ...40	10 ...20
JUNE DAY (441)	3 ...25	5 ...25	10 ...25
Very Early Pink			
JUNIOR MISS (430)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Heavily Ruffled Salmon			
J. V. KONYNENBURG (436)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Very Nice Scarlet			
KENWOOD (452)	3 ...25		
Nice Clear Red	10 ...70	10 ...50	10 ...25
KESTREL (522)	3 ...25	10 ...50	10 ...25
Tall Large Orange			
KING BEE (450)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Nice Scarlet			
KING TAN (490)			10 ...25
Light Brownish Tan			
KING WILLIAM (430)	3 ...25	10 ...50	10 ...25
Light Salmon			
LADRONE (433)		5 ...25	10 ...25
Orange Salmon—Gold Throat			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
LADY ANNE (500)		5...25	10...25
Very Good White			
LADY BOO (440)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Beautiful Shell Pink			
LADY MARIAN (460)		2...25	4...25
Nice Lavender Rose			
LAKE PLACID (506)		5...25	10...25
Nice Ruffled Cream			
LANTANA (420)		10...40	10...20
Early Orange and Gold			
LAVENDER DREAM (476)		5...25	10...25
Nice Light Lavender			
LA VENTIA (406)		10...50	10...25
Large Tall White—Good			
LEADING LADY (506)	3...25	10...50	10...25
Creamy White—Very Good			
LEEUVENHORST (560)	3...25	10...50	10...25
Very Large Pink			
LIPSTICK (441)		10...50	10...25
Good Blotched Pink			
MADELEINE BROWN (432)	3...25		
Tall Salmon	10...70	10...50	10...25
MALTA (462)		5...25	10...25
Large Tall Rose			
MARGARET BEATON (501)		10...50	10...25
White-Red Blotch—Good			
MARJORIE (542)			10...25
Nice Large Pink			
MARMORA (480)			10...25
Old Rose Smoky			
MARSEILLAISE (536)		10...50	10...25
Large Red			
MERIDEN (462)		10...50	10...25
Ruffled Rose			
MISS WISCONSIN (460)		10...50	10...25
Very Good Rose			
MISTAYA (586)			10...25
Huge Gray Lavender Smoky			
MISTY DAWN (580)		10...50	10...25
Old-Rose Smoky			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
MODERN TIMES (560)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Nice Light Wine-Red			
MOHAWK (454)		5...25	10...25
Dark Velvety Red			
MONTPELIER (440)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Good Pink			
MT. INDEX (501)	3...25		
Early White—Yellow Throat	10...70	10...50	10...25
MYRNA FAY (466)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Early Lavender—Good			
NANCY (452)			10...25
Commercial Scarlet			
NEW EUROPE (537)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Large Light Scarlet Red			
NOWETA ROSE (568)			1...25
Lavender Rose—Many Open			
OCTOBER SUNSHINE (420)	2...25	4...25	8...25
Good Orange Yellow			
OHIO NONPAREIL (550)		10...50	10...25
Large Red			
OKLAHOMA (386)			10...25
Lavender Gray—Cream Throat			
OPECHEE (486)			2...25
Old Rose Smoky			
OPHIR (410)		5...25	10...25
Ruffled Yellow—Red Blotch			
ORANGE GOLD (422)		5...25	10...25
Nice Orange and Gold			
OREGON ROSE (462)		5...25	10...25
Rose Pink—Cream Edge			
ORIENTAL PEARL (506)		5...25	10...25
Huge Cream			
PACTOLUS (417)			10...25
Apricot Orange—Red Blotch			
PASTEL (480)			10...25
Tall Steel—Gray Smoky			
PASTELINE (540)			2...20
Tall Light Rose—Creamy Throat			
PARTHIENA (568)			4...25
Lavender—Good			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
PATRICIAN (566)		4...25	8...25
Fine Lavender			
PAUL RUBENS (470)			10...25
Dark Red Violet			
PERSONALITY (542)		5...25	10...25
Tall Massive Rose			
PHANTOM BEAUTY (440)		5...25	10...25
Light Pink—Many Open			
PICARDY (Our Special Strain) (536)	4...25	10...40	10...20
Popular Salmon			
PINK CHARM (542)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Medium Pink			
PINK PICARDY (542)	3...25	10...50	10...25
Pink Sport of Picardy			
PINK RADIANCE (440)		10...40	10...20
Very Nice Light Pink			
PIONEER (532)	3...25		
Deep Pink—Cream Throat	10...70	10...50	10...25
PURPLE SUPREME (470)	3...25		
Tall Purple	10...70	10...50	10...25
RADIANCE (350)			
Bright Red Salmon	3...25	5...25	10...25
RAVEL (477)		5...25	10...25
Good Medium Blue			
RED CHARM (452)	3...25	10...50	10...25
Very Good Red	10...70		
RED CHERRY (436)		4...25	8...25
Tall Cherry Red—Early			
RED GOLD (550)			4...25
Large Light Red			
RED PENNY (436)	3...25	5...25	10...25
Early Light—Scarlet			
RED WING (536)			2...25
Nice New Scarlet			
RITA MAE (450)		5...25	10...25
Tall Coral Red			
ROBERT ALAN (412)		1...40	1...25
Golden Yellow			
ROLLA (487)		5...25	10...25
Reddish Purple—Orange Overcast			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
ROOSEVELT'S MEMORY (500)		5....25	10....25
Very Large White			
ROSA VAN LIMA (440)	4....25		
Good Rose Pink—Early	10....60	10....40	10....20
ROSE DELIGHT (462)		5....25	10....25
Nice Medium Rose			
ROSE O'DAY (566)		5....25	10....25
Rose Lavender			
ROSY LIGHT (460)			10....25
Very Nice Rose			
ROSY MORN (RILEY) (442)		10....50	10....25
Coral Rose			
ROSY RED (362)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Glowing Deep Rosy Red			
ROYAL WINSOR (550)		5....25	10....25
Very Good Light Red			
SALMAN'S GLORY (507)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Nice Cream—Red Blotch			
SALUTATION (440)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Early Pink—Red Blotch			
SHERWOOD (470)		2....15	4....15
Nice Large Purple			
SIBONEY (566)		2....20	4....20
Large Ruffled Lavender			
SILENTIUM (401)	4....25		
Tall White—Red Throat	10....60	10....40	10....20
SILVER GULL (476)		5....25	10....25
Light Blue			
SINCERITY (ERREY) (407)		4....25	6....25
Cream—Red Throat			
SKY LINE (480)			5....25
Slate Blue Smoky			
SNOW PRINCESS (400)	4....25		
Good Commercial White	10....60	10....40	10....20
SPARKS (511)		5....25	10....25
Light Yellow—Scarlet Feather			
SPIC AND SPAN (442)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Excellent Ruffled Pink			
SPOTLIGHT (413)		5....25	10....25
Yellow—Red Throat			

PRICE LIST — RETAIL

VARIETY	Large	Medium	Small
STERLING (566)			1....25
Deep Lavender			
STORMY WEATHER (480)			3....25
Creamy—Smoky Rose			
SUN SPOT (417)		4....25	8....25
Apricot—Rose Blotch			
SURFSIDE (400)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Good Late White			
THEMESONG (470)		5....25	10....25
Purple—Cyclamen Blotch			
THE ROAN (485)			10....25
Rosy Red with Silvery Lines			
TIVOLI (460)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Tall Beautiful Rose			
TRAIL'S END (562)			2....25
Nice Deep Rose—Cream Throat			
TUNIA'S ATOMIC BURST (585)			4....25
Vivid Bronzy-Red Smoky			
TUNIA'S ELITE (590)			10....25
Bronzy Orange Smoky			
TUTS BOTH (431)		5....25	10....25
Nice Deep Orange			
UNCLE TOM (454)			10....25
Deep Brown Maroon			
VAGABOND PRINCE (391)			10....25
Mahogany Brown—Flame Blotch			
VANGOLD (312)	3....25	10....50	10....25
Early Deep Yellow			
VISTA BONITA (432)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Large Tall Salmon			
WANDA (406)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Nice Large Cream			
WHITE GOLD (506)	4....25		
Large Tall Cream	10....60	10....40	10....20
YELLOW HERALD (413)	3....25	5....25	10....25
Yellow—Red Blotch			
ZUNI (480)			10....25
Salmon and Slate Smoky			

— COLLECTION —

Unlabeled Collection—Wide variety of colors. This is a really good collection including many of the nicer varieties.

Large size bulbs, \$4.00 per 100, or \$2.00 per 50.

Medium size bulbs, \$2.00 per 100, or \$1.00 per 50.

Wholesale Price List

25 Bulbs at the Hundred Rate

VARIETY	Per 100	#3 & 4	#5 & 6
ADORATION		\$2.50	\$1.25
BEAUTY'S BLUSH		2.50	1.25
BELTRAMI		2.50	1.25
BURMA		2.50	1.25
CAPEHEART		2.00	1.00
CORONA		—	1.25
COVER GIRL		2.00	1.00
ELIZABETH QUEEN		2.50	1.25
ETHEL CAVE-COLE		2.00	1.00
FAIR ANGEL		2.00	1.00
GENERAL EISENHOWER		—	1.25
GOLD DUST		1.75	1.00
GOLDEN ARROW		1.75	1.00
GOLDEN TETON		2.50	1.25
HARMAU		2.50	1.25
HUNTRESS		—	1.25
JULES AMOTT		2.00	1.00
KENWOOD		2.50	1.25
LADY ANNE		—	1.25
LEADING LADY		—	1.25
LEEUEWENHORST		2.50	1.25
MADELEINE BROWN		2.00	1.00
MARGARET BEATON		2.50	1.25
MT. INDEX		2.00	1.00
OREGON GOLD		—	1.00
PICARDY		2.00	1.00
PINK RADIANCE		2.00	1.00
PIONEER		2.50	1.25
PURPLE SUPREME		2.50	1.25
RAVEL		—	1.25
RED CHARM		2.50	1.25
ROSA VAN LIMA		1.75	1.00
SILENTIUM		1.75	1.00
SNOW PRINCESS		1.75	1.00
SPIC & SPAN		—	1.25
SPOTLIGHT		2.50	1.25
TIVOLI		—	1.25
VANGOLD		2.00	1.00
WHITE GOLD		1.75	1.00
YELLOW HERALD		2.50	1.25

On many varieties in our Retail List we can furnish Medium and Small Sizes by the hundred. If interested, please write for prices.

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